

**REMARKS**

By way of the foregoing amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the priority information and add headings. Claims 1-8 have been amended to delete the multiple dependencies and otherwise place them in more conventional U.S. format. Claims 9-20 have been added. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to the application is respectfully requested.

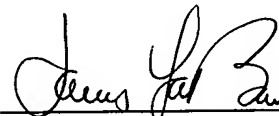
Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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